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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Col. JAMES G. BERRET,JAMES L. NORRIS,Chairman General Committee.Chairman Executive Committee.ALEXANDER PORTER MORSE,<br/>Secretary.J. FRED. KELLEY,<br/>Secretary.CHARLES C. GLOVER,<br/>Treasurer.WM. CRANCH MCINTIRE,<br/>Corresponding Secretary.

GEN. MARTIN T. McMAHON, Grand Marshal.

#### GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Colonel JAMES G. BERRET, Chairman,

W. CRANCH MCINTIRE, 1st Vice Chairman, WALTER D. DAVIDGE, 2d Vice-Chairman,

#### ALEXANDER T. BRITTON, 3d Vice-Chairman,

ALEXANDER PORTER MORSE, Secretary.

CHARLES C. GLOVER, Treasurer,

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JAMES L. NORRIS, Chairman.



J. FRED. KELLEY, Secretary,

WM, CRANCH MCINTIRE, Corresponding Secretary,

- MEMBERS -

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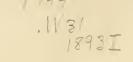
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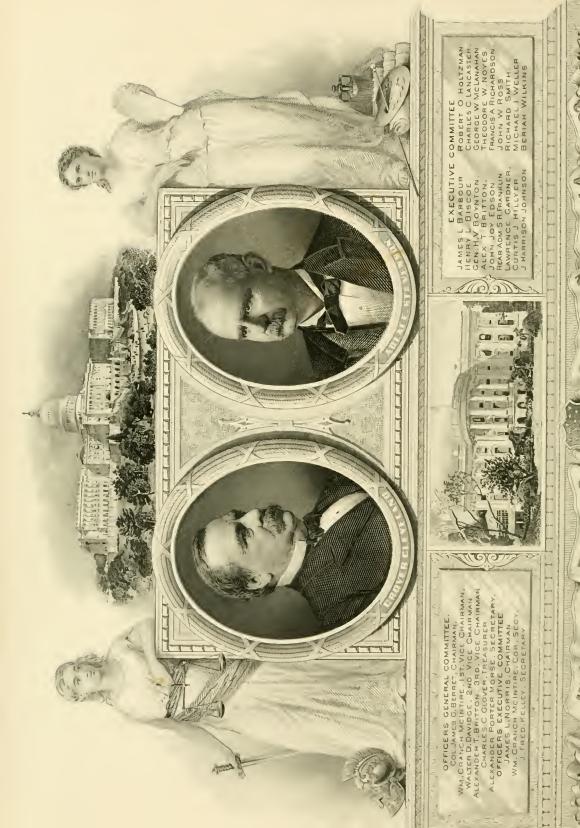
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### MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

OF THE

General Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

OF

# President GROVER CLEVELAND

AND

Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson,

MARCH 4, 1893,

As constituted by Hon. W. F. Harrity, Chairman Democratic National Committee, and by Col. James G. Berret, Chairman General Inaugural Committee.

The General Committee which managed and conducted the arrangements for the Inaugural Ceremonies was organized as follows:

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On the 12th of December, 1892, Hon. W. F. Harrity, Chairman Democratic National Committee, addressed a communication to each of the gentlemen named in the following letter:

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 12, 1892. "My DEAR SIR: "The Democratic National Computitoe has appointed th

"The Democratic National Committee has appointed the following named gentlemen as a committee to take charge of the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland, on March 4, 1893, and of all matters relating thereto, viz:

"Messrs, James G. Berret, Henry L. Biscoe, Alexander T. Britton, Charles S. Bradley, M. W. Beveridge, Hierome O. Claughton, Calderon Carlisle, George T. Dunlop, Henry E. Davis, J. Maury Dove, Charles W. Darr, John J. Edson, Reginald Fendall, Lawrence Gardner, Charles C. Glover, William B. Gurley, William A. Gordon, Matthew W. Galt. Edward J. Hannan, Peter H. Hill, Robert O. Holtzman, William Holmead, George E. Hamilton, James H. Hopkins, J. Harrison Johnson, J. Fred. Kelley, Charles C. Lancaster, Martin F. Morris, Frederick L. Moore, William H. Manogue, Dominic I. Murphy, Joseph K. McCammon, George W. Me-Lanahan, Fred. B. McGuire, James L. Norris, John H. Oberly, E. S. Parker, John W. Ross, Joseph Shillington, John G. Slater, Benjamin P. Snyder, Edward J. Stellwagen, William S. Thompson, Albert A. Wilson, Augustus S. Worthington, S. Walter Woodward, Samuel E. Wheatley, Michael I. Weller, James P. Willett, Nathaniel Wilson.

"Col. James G. Berret has been designated as Chairman of the committee, and is authorized to increase its membership, if such increase shall seem to him to be necessary. This committee is authorized to provide for the appointment of such additional committees and sub-committees as may be required.

"It is hoped that you will find it convenient and agreeable to serve as a member of the committee.

"Yours very truly,

#### "W. F. HARRITY."

Col. James G. Berret, appointed Chairman of the General Committee, by virtue of authority conferred upon him in the above communication, increased the membership by the addition of the following gentlemen, to each of whom he addressed a letter as follows:

#### "Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. Washington, December 15, 1892.

**DEAR** SIR: You are hereby appointed a member of the Committee on Inangural Ceremonies, and I have the honor to request your presence at a meeting to be held in the 'Red Parlor,' Ebbitt House, Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., at 7.30 o'clock.

Very truly yours, JAMES G. BERRET, Chairman."

Allen, Dr. Charles BACON, Paymaster A. W., U. S. N. BAIRD, General Absolem, U. S. A. BARBOUR, JAMES L. BROWNE, Surgeon-General JOHN MILLS, U. S. N. BUSEY, Dr. SAMUEL C. BALL, ROBERT BERRY, WALTER V. R. CRAIG, Captain ROBERT, U. S. A. CLARK, WILLIAM E. CASEY, General THOMAS LINCOLN, U. S. A. DAVIDGE, WALTER D. DARLING, Dr. HENRY DEVINE, JOHN T. DEAN, MILLS DAVIS, ROBERT S. DROOP, EDWARD F. Douglass, John W. EMERY, MATTHEW G. ERNST, Colonel OSWALD H., U. S. A. Fox, Albert F. FRANKLIN, Rear-Admiral SAMUEL R., U. S. N. GARDNER, Dr. FRANK A. GARNETT, HENRY WISE GRAHAM, ANDREW B. GREER, Rear-Admiral JAMES A., U. S. N. GOODLOE, Major GREEN CLAY, U. S. M. C. HAYWOOD, Colonel CHARLES, U. S. M. C. HARVEY, JAMES E.

HAY, E. B. HENNING, GEORGE C. HINE, LEMON G. HILLYER, CURTIS J. HENDERSON, WILLIAM G. HENSEY, A. T. HERRELL, JOHN E. Johnson, E. Kurtz LARNER, NOBLE D. LORING, Dr. FRANCIS B. LOWRY, Major HORATIO B., U. S. M. C. LINCOLN, Dr. NATHAN S. Morse, Alex. Porter MATTHEWS, CHARLES M. MARMION, Dr. W. V. McLean, John R. McIntire, William Cranch MYERS, THEO. W. MOORE, Brigadier-General JOHN, U. S. A. Noves, Theodore W. NICHOLSON, Major A. S., U. S. M. C. O'DONNELL, WILLIAM Ordway, N. G. RIGGS, E. FRANCIS Roessle, T. E. Rossell, Captain W. T., U. S. A. RICHARDSON, FRANCIS A. REID, Captain G. B., U. S. M. C. ROCHESTER, Brigadier-General WM. B., U. S. A. STONE, Dr. CHARLES E. SAKS, ISADORE STAPLES, O. G. SMITH, RICHARD SELDEN, WILLIAM H.

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SCHADE, LOUIS STEVENS, FREDERICK C. SCHOFIELD, Major-General JOHN M., U. S. A. SMITH, Paymaster-General WILLIAM, U. S. N. THOMPSON, JOHN W. Towles, H. O. TENNEY, FRANKLIN Toner, Dr. Joseph M. TYLER, Capt. R. W., U. S. A. VINCENT, Brigadier-General THOMAS M., U. S. A. VERDI, Dr. T. S. WILKINS, BERIAH WILLARD, HENRY A. WILLIAMS, WASH. B. WILSON, JEREMIAH M. WILSON, JESSE B. WARNER, BRAINARD H.

Subsequently, Messrs. M. M. Parker, Levi Woodbury, Robert W. Fenwick, B. Lewis Blackford, and Magnus S. Thompson, were appointed to fill occuring vacancies in the General Committee.

This committee thus constituted, pursuant to notice, met in the "Red Parlor" of the Ebbitt House Tuesday, December 20, 1892, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, and was called to order by Col. James G. Berret, the Chairman, who addressed the meeting as follows:

"GENTLEMEN: In entering upon the duties assigned to me as Chairman of your Committee, charged with the functions of conducting the Inaugural Ceremonies on the 4th of March after President Cleveland shall have been fairly inducted into office, my faith in the success of that occasion rests entirely upon the cordial co-operation of this and other committees in the work to be accomplished.

"It has been the uniform and becoming practice, to regard this welcome of the new chief magistrate as an expression of the respect of the community for the great office which he holds, free from all partian coloring and of personal partiality.

"Conforming to the authority conferred upon me, I have enlarged the number of the committee, so as to include distinguished officers of the army, navy, marine corps, and prominent citizens whose experience, standing, and consideration will materially aid the main object we all seek to achieve.

"The purpose of this meeting needs no particular explanation. We have, in a word, come together to begin the business of a practical orginization. First, the election of a permanent secretary; second, the election of vice-chairmen; third, the election of a treasurer; fourth, by the selection of an executive committee, limited to a working number, and upon which will fall the chief burden of active responsibility.

"This is simply an outline of the plan for extending our hospitality to the incoming President. But in the midst of these pleasant preparations, let us not forget the great afflictions which have darkened and saddened the fireside of the retiring President, who will go out of office bearing with him the confidence and esteem of his countrymen, and the earnest sympathy of all the people of the District of Columbia, to whom he had long endeared himself by faithful regard for their best interests."

The chair then announced that the business first in order was the election of a permanent secretary, a treasurer, and vice-chairmen. The committee thereupon elected the following officers :

ALEXANDER PORTER MORSE, Secretary.

CHARLES C. GLOVER, Treasurer.

#### Vice-Chairmen,

WILLIAM CRANCH MCINTIRE,

WALTER D. DAVIDGE,

ALEXANDER T. BRITTON.

The business next in order was the selection of an Executive Committee. Mr. C. C. Glover offered the following resolution, which was adopted : WHEREAS, all committees necessary to carry forward successfully the part usually performed by the eitizens of Washington, as the representatives of the nation at large, in the inauguration of the President of the Unted States, are of necessity the staff or assistants to the chairman; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington have full confidence in the wisdom and fairness of the chairman of this meeting; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that it is the sense and the desire of this meeting that the selection and designation of an Executive Committee composed of twenty-one citizens shall be made by the chairman of this meeting at his convenience. Said committee to act with said chairman and to exercise the usual powers of an Executive Committee on such occasions.

The Chairman then announced that he had appointed General Martin T. McMahon Grand Marshal of the Inaugural parade.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

"WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20, 1892. "MY DEAR GENERAL:

"As Chairman of the General Committee of the District of Columbia, charged with the duty of carrying out Inaugural Ceremonies after President Cleveland shall have been formally inducted into office on the 4th of March, I have had the pleasure to appoint you Grand Marshal for that interesting occasion, with the cordial approval of my colleagues.

"In tendering you this expression of my personal friendship I indulge the hope that it may suit your convenience to accept the offer in the spirit which inspires it and thus gratify not only my own earnest desire, but the wishes and expectation of this community at large.

"Respectfully yours,

#### "JAMES G. BERRET,

" Chairman.

"To Gen. Martin T. McMahon, "New York Hotel, New York City, N. Y."

Gen. McMahon's letter under date of December 21, 1892, in response to this, informed the Chairman of the General Inaugural Committee, Col. James G. Berret, of his acceptance of the appointment, and expressed his sense of the distinction conferred upon him.

The Chairman, Col. James G. Berret, on the 26th day of December, 1892, appointed the following Executive Committee:

JAMES L. NORRIS, Chairman. BARBOUR, JAMES L. BISCOE, HENRY L. BOYNTON, Gen. H. V. BRITTON, ALEXANDER T. Edson, John Joy FRANKLIN, Rear Admiral S. R., U. S. N. GARDNER, LAWRENCE HILLYER, CURTIS J. HOLTZMAN, ROBERT O. JOHNSON, J. HARRISON KELLEY, J. FRED. LANCASTER, CHARLES C. MCINTIRE, WHLIAM CRANCH MCLANAHAN, GEO. W. NOYES, THEODORE W. Ross, John W. RICHARDSON, FRANCIS A. SMITH, RICHARD WELLER, MICHAEL I. WILKINS, BERIAH

Between the first and the second meetings of the General Committee the following gentlemen declined to serve:

J. P. Willett, George E. Hamilton, George T. Dunlop, A. A. Wilson, Calderon Carlisle, Reginald Fendall, E. J. Stellwagen, H. E. Davis, Jos. Shillington, C. W. Darr, W. A. Gordon, J. Manry Dove, E. S. Parker, James H. Hopkins, S. E. Wheatley, S. W. Woodward, F. L. Moore, Wm. Holmead, W. H. Manogue, F. B. McGuire.

At the second meeting of the General Committee, held at headquarters, 1425 New York avenue, on Monday evening, February 20, 1893, Mr. James L. Norris, chairman of the Executive Committee, submitted a written report of the organization and the work of the Executive Committee to date.

The Sub-committees on Civic Organizations, on Music, on Finance, through their respective chairmen, Mr. William Dickson, Mr. William H. Slack, and Mr. R. O. Holtzman, submitted in writing statements of the progress of the work assigned them. Oral reports indicating satisfactory progress were made by Messrs. Richard Smith, James L. Barbour, Mills Dean, Dominic I. Murphy, Ralph L. Galt, B. Lewis Blackford, Col. H. C. Corbin, Henry L. Biscoe, M. I. Weller, Oliver T. Beaumont, James E. Bell, Noble D. Larner, George C. Henning, J. Harrison Johnson, Joseph Parris, William A. Hutchings, John H. Oberly, and E. B. Hay, chairmen of the respective committees, and by Mr. Lawrence Gardner, the General Manager.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chair. Respectfully submitted.

> ALEX. PORTER MORSE, Secretary of the General Committee.

## FINAL REPORT

#### OF THE

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### OF THE

## INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the General Inaugural Committee:

It is with unaffected gratification that the Executive Committee on whom was devolved the chief care of the preparations for one of the most elaborate and imposing spectacles ever witnessed at the Capital, come now after the full completion of their labors to submit their final report and to commit their record of the great occasion to the national annals.

In pursuance of this purpose we here insert the record of proceedings attested by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, Mr. J. Fred. Kelley.

An Excentive Committee, consisting of twenty-one citizens, was duly designated by the General Inaugural Committee. The following are the names of the gentlemen who were thus designated :

JAMES L. NORRIS, Chairman, JAMES L. BARBOUR, HENRY L. BISCOE, GEN. H. V. BOYNTON, ALEXANDER T. BRITTON, John Joy Edson. Rear-Admiral S. R. Franklin, U. S. N. LAWRENCE GARDNER. CURTIS J. HILLYER. ROBT. O. HOLTZMAN. J. HARRISON JOHNSON. J. FRED. KELLEY. CHARLES C. LANCASTER. GEORGE W. MCLANAHAN. WILLIAM CRANCH MCINTIRE. THEODORE W. NOVES. John W. Ross. FRANCIS A. RICHARDSON. RICHARD SMITH. MICHAEL I. WELLER. BERIAH WILKINS.

To the Executive Committee was entrusted substantially the entire work and responsibility of the inaugural preparations. They were empowered to have general supervision of all sub-committees, fill all vacancies, define their duties, direct their movements, authorize all expenditures, and create and appoint additional sub-committees, if found to be necessary, reporting their action from time to time to the General Committee.

At the call of the Chairman, the first meeting was held December 28, 1892, in the Lenman Building, 1425 New York avenue, where spacious and suitable apartments as Inaugural Headquarters had been selected by the General Committee. At this first meeting the Chairman, Mr. James L. Norris, delivered the following address:

"GENTLEMEN: We have been selected by the proper authorities as the Executive Committee to prepare for the ceremonies of Inauguration on the 4th of March next. In ac-

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cepting this high trust we shall, many of us, be compelled in a large measure to leave our private avocations and assume the responsibility in common with those who are to be associated with us in making a preparation which shall reflect eredit upon our city, upon the distinguished men who are to be inaugurated, and upon our whole country.

The inauguration of a President of this great Republic is in a very important sense a proud national affair, and at the same time it has been left by unbroken past usage in the hands of the citizens of this District, without distinction of party, to make the ceremonies worthy of the grand occasion.

As we assume this vast work we hope to have with us, in active and cordial co-operation, not only the members of the General Committee, with its honored veteran and experienced Chairman, Col. James G. Berret, but as many of our noble and patriotic fellow-citizens upon other committees yet to be announced as may be required to make the approaching inauguration the most imposing spectacle ever witnessed here on any similar occasion. The good people of this District surely have the ability, and I doubt not the will, to exhibit the decorum and hospitality of our grand Capital to the unprecedented throng of our fellow-countrymen who will be present with us on that day from every section of the land.

The honor of our designation, unsolicited by any one of us, is no doubt fully appreciated by us all. But the responsibility it entails cannot be overestimated. Nor, gentlemen, can I, standing in this position to-day, omit to advert to my predecessor of eight years ago, the late honorable and lamented William M. Galt, whose noble spirit and invincible energy did so much to inspire his associates with enthusiasm and to make that inauguration memorable in the annals of the nation. Would that he could be here with us now.

May I not venture to believe that his action in that day is not forgotten and will serve to incite every one of us and all our fellow-citizens to contribute everything in our power for the success of the undertaking. While we know that nothing is to be gained by it but the credit of having done our duty well, we must see to it that nothing is left undone to insure the highest measure of success.

Gentlemen, let us determine that there shall be no failure even in the most minute details; let us work together with the desire of no other reward than that which the purest patriotism confers, so that when each of us shall retire to his private avocations it may be with the full consciousness that he has done his utmost to reflect honor upon our Government, our city, and all our people."

The organization was then completed by the election of J. Fred. Kelley as secretary, and Mr. William Craneh McIntire as corresponding secretary, wherenpon a Special Committee was appointed to propose and report a list of chairmen for the various sub-committees and to define their dutics. The second meeting of the Executive Committee was held December 31, 1892, at which meeting this Special Committee reported a chairman for each sub-committee, and defined the duties of each of said sub-committees.

The report of this Special Committee was adopted by the Executive Committee, and thereupon it was ordered that the several chairmen select officers and members to constitute their committees and present their list of various names to the Executive Committee for confirmation. This was done, their designations confirmed, and the Inaugural Register of all officers and members prepared and published in book form, it being entitled "Cleveland and Stevenson Inaugural Ceremonies, March 4, 1893; Officers and Members of the General, Executive, and Sub-committees;" a copy of which is presented herewith. The chairmen of the various sub-committees hereinafter named accepted their appointments promptly, and with commendable diligence and ability en-

tered upon the work assigned them and prosecuted it with the most gratifying success, reporting their progress from time to time to the Executive Committee.

After this said second meeting of December 31, 1892, the Executive Committee held regular semi-weekly meetings besides frequent called special meetings.

Attest: J. FRED. KELLEY, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The several sub-committees are here referred to in the following order:

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

ROBERT O. HOLTZMAN, Chairman, WILLIAM T. HARRIS, Secretary,

with 240 gentlemen most prominent in the business and professional walks of life. To this committee was entrusted the raising of all funds necessary for the preparations, making due acknowledgment to each contributor and depositing such funds with the Treasurer. It is scarcely necessary to say that with such a committee and so organized, their work was promptly and nobly done, and the magnificent sum of \$35,625 was seenred. This sum was the guarantee fund advanced by over 400 citizens, this committee having suggested that no large individual sums were desired. The subscriptions were so promptly made that the Executive Committee gave notice through the press that on and after February 24, 1893, all subscription books would be closed.

#### RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Major-General JOHN M. SCHOFIELD, U. S. A., Chairman.

This notable committee consisted of the members of the Executive Committee, the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the Judges of the Court of Claims, the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, Senators and Representatives from each of the United States, Delegates from the Territories, and 650 other gentlemen designated from all the pursuits and ranks of life and from wide sections of the country. To this distinguished body of men was assigned the grateful duty of receiving and extending befitting courtesies to the President and Vice-President, with their special parties, and other distinguished guests at the Inaugural Ball and Reception.

These graceful duties were deftly and successfully performed in the highest style of recognized etiquette, and our thanks are specially due to this committee for their efficient aid amid the unparalleled throng of visitors on that occasion.

### COMMITTEE ON BALL-ROOM DECORATION.

RICHARD SMITH, Chairman, E. G. DAVIS, 1st Vice-Chairman, GEORGE W. MCLANAHAN, 2d Vice-Chairman, J. HOLDSWORTH GORDON, Secretary,

with one hundred other gentlemen, who most admirably justified the propriety of their selection for this artistic labor.

The Executive Committee having secured from the Government, by written contract, the absolute use of the Pension Building for a certain time, namely, from March 4th to March 7th, both inclusive, with the privilege of commencing the work of decorating some days before, turned over the premises to the Decorating Committee, who soon changed the great court into one of the mest fairy scenes ever presented to public view. The music stands, extending from the north and south balconics, and supported by circular pillars rising from the ground floor, seemed only a part of the original structure, and constituted, with their decoration, one of the grand features of the court.

The reception rooms of the President and Vice-President were most gorgeous in their decorations, the furniture the most elegant that could be obtained by our fellow citizen, Mr. Wash. B. Williams, and supplied by him without cost to the committee. The floral, electrical, and textile environments were of the most profuse, variegated, and ornamental nature.

Nothing of the kind has ever equalled the artistic work of this Decorating Committee. They were efficiently assisted by the

#### COMMITTEE ON BALL-ROOM ILLUMINATION,

JAMES L. BARBOUR, Chairman, JOHN R. MCLEAN, 1st Vice-Chairman, A. A. THOMAS, 2d Vice-Chairman, WILLIAM F. HART, Secretary,

and forty-five other gentlemen well versed in the peculiar department of the work assigned them, as the result most clearly evidenced, producing the most surprising effects throughout the vast space and using the most recent discoveries and devices in the electrical art.

### COMMITTEE ON STREET ILLUMINATION AND FIRE-WORKS,

MILLS DEAN, Chairman, JOHN A. CLARK, Secretary,

and forty other gentlemen chosen for their capability to put the most public thoroughfares of the city in a flood of variegated light and to prepare for the entertainment of the public a marvelous pyrotechnic display which was exhibited in the Monument Grounds on the evening of the 6th of March, 1893, to an immense mass of delighted spectators, who beheld it from every available spot in this city.

#### COMMITTEE ON BADGES.

DOMINIC I. MURPHY, Chairman, HENRY L. WEST, Vice-Chairman, JOHN HADLEY DOYLE, Secretary,

with fourteen other gentlemen, all experts in matters of taste and of fitting symbols of every description.

To them was committed the work of devising appropriate badges and, with the appreval of the Executive Committee, securing and delivering the same to the chairmen and officers of the several committees for distribution. This difficult task was most successfully accomplished. The badges were specimens of superior skill and handicraft and were distributed to the number of 4,132, besides 500 distinctive badges to the press and 150 to the special messengers employed by the Committee on Public Comfort at the several railroad stations and should ever remain to their possessors the cherished souvenirs of the memorable occasion.

#### COMMITTEE ON BANQUET.

JOHN W. Ross, Chairman, DUNCAN S. WALKER, Vice-Chairman, LEONARD C. WOOD, Secretary,

with fourteen other gentlemen. This committee made excellent preparation for a banquet, which was held in the Pension Building on the evening of March 4, 1893. This committee made plans and had erected a large building on the north side, outside of, but adjacent to, the Pension Building, as a kitchen, equipping it with all requisite utensils. They caused a contract for the banquet to be made with one of Washington City's well known caterers, guaranteeing him \$3,500 to provide for 7,000 persons, presenting a menu the most various and bountiful ever offered in this city on any similar occasion. The income to the Inaugural Committee from all sources conneeted therewith was \$2,290,21. All persons were accommodated who sought refreshments.

#### COMMITTEE ON PROMENADE CONCERT.

RALPH L. GALT, Chairman, ANDREW J. MILLER, Vice-Chairman, JAMES C. HOOE, Secretary,

with about 300 other gentlemen, embracing the very flower of our younger citizens. This committee was charged with the general supervision of the concerts under the approval of the Executive Committee. As Sunday intervened during the inaugural period they were confronted with the question in what manner that day could be employed in view of the vast throng of visitors who would then be in the city. They determined upon a plan of action, approved by the Executive Committee, from which they hoped not only to honor the day but also to secure a haudsome sum for disbursement to the several charities of this District. This plan, however, was at the last moment thwarted, and it was finally abandoned, resulting disastrously in many ways. This incident is so peculiar that your committee desire to treat it separately in another part of this report. It must be accorded, however, to the Committee on Promenade Concert that they behaved nobly under the trying situation.

On the last day, Tuesday, March 7th, by order of the Executive Committee, and with the co-operation of the sub-committees in charge, the ball-room was thrown open, free of charge, to all the Orphan Asylums of this District, and a great company of delighted and wondering children, with their friends, thronged the place and enjoyed the spectacle to their hearts' content, and when they left the building it was to carry with them thoughts that may live with them as long as memory holds its throne. This sub-committee managed the Monday and Tuesday series of concerts held in the ballroom with great tact and success and to the delight and satisfaction of the large crowds who resorted to the building. The music of the Marine Band at the series of concerts was of a superior order and executed in the finest style, the pieces for the occasion having been selected by the joint action of the Committee on Music and the Committee on Promenade Concert. This committee turned over to the Treasurer of the Inaugural Committee the handsome sum of \$11,233, and they deserve the heart-felt thanks of the whole community.

#### COMMITTEE ON TICKETS AND INVITATIONS.

BERIAH WILKINS, Chairman, B. LEWIS BLACKFORD, Secretary,

with eight other gentlemen adept in the work assigned them. They were charged with procuring designs for the souvenir card of the Inaugural Ball and Reception to accompany the tickets of admission; to have prepared the requisite number of each and deliver them to the appropriate committee for distribution and sale.

The souvenir card was executed in this city and is the most perfect of its kind ever produced. The card is decorated with portraits of President Cleveland and Vice-President Stevenson, with female figures representing peace and war on either side. Above is represented the grand Capitol Building and beneath the Executive Mansion. The left hand tablet contains the names of the officers of the General and Executive Committees, while the right hand tablet bears the names of the members of the Executive Committee. On the pediment stretches the scroll divided by a national shield having the legend—

"INAUGURAL BALL AND RECEPTION, MARCH 4, 1893."

The committee deserves much credit for preparing this magnificent and unique souvenir.

### COMMITTEE ON MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

COL. WILLIAM G. MOORE, Chairman,
COL. H. C. CORBIN, Vice-Chairman and Corresponding Secretary,
RICHARD SYLVESTER, Secretary,

with forty other gentlemen, who promptly undertook the charge of all military organizations intending to participate in the ceremonies and the supply of quarters for the same, reporting from time to time to the Executive Committee and to the Grand Marshal, Gen. Martin T. McMahon. This work entailed on the committee a vast labor and resulted in placing in line on Inauguration Day a large array of troops. The military display was most creditable to both officers and men and reflected high honor on the distinguished organizations. Their comfort and enjoyment while in the city was largely due to the exertions of this enterprising committee, whose kindness and hospitality they will long remember.

Especial mention must here be made of the admirable service rendered by the distinguished Chairman, Col. Wm. G. Moore, for the untiring and timely service he rendered, and his ready re-ponse to every call of the Executive Committee in all emergencies. The military organizations found in him and his associates substantial friends.

### THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS,

WILLIAM DICKSON, Chairman,

CAPT. EDWIN H. NEUMEYER, First Vice-Chairman,

CAPT. JOHN S. MILLER, Second Vice-Chairman,

PROF. HARRY KING, Secretary,

with about 430 other gentlemen, chosen from the prominent citizens of this District, promptly assumed the herculean task of providing for all eivie organizations applying to participate in the Inaugural Ceremonies, of keeping an account of the same, furnishing them with quarters and the hospitality of the eity, and from time to time making reports to the Executive Committee and to the Grand Marshal. Nothing but the highest capacity and the utmost vigilance would have been equal to the task imposed on this committee. The result justified every expectation. The large body of civilians were handled with magic skill and represented in a striking way the most salient features of the character of the American people. Very much is due to the untiring assiduity of this important committee.

### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Major HENRY L. BISCOE, Chairman, JAMES E. WHITE, Vice-Chairman, PERCY G. SMITH, Secretary,

with seventy-five other gentlemen having a wide knowledge and familiar acquaintance throughout the country constituted this committee. To them was intrusted the duty of corresponding with the railroad companies in reference to transportation in all parts of the union, to secure the lowest rate of fares for the benefit of visitors and making known the same through the press at the earliest time practicable. This work was admirably performed in the face of formidable difficulties, and contributed not a little in bringing to the Capitol the immense concourse from every quarter present at the Inauguration. The companies who thus reduced their rates in favor of the traveling public, are entitled to the thanks of this committee and the people of the country. It is due to this committee to recognize the important work they did in effecting the result.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC COMFORT.

MICHAEL I. WELLER, Chairman, L. P. WRIGHT, Vice-Chairman, ANDREW J. SCHWARTZ, Secretary,

with 300 other gentlemen, constituted a committee whose services were indispensible to maintain the high reputation of this city for hospitality and kindness to strangers. Their duties were manifold and exacting. To provide food and lodging at reasonable rates for an influx of hundreds and thousands of strangers suddenly added to the resident population, many of whom had their homes full of friends and kindred, demanded exertions well nigh exhausting. But this committee, with untiring energy, were able to direct each visitor to comfortable quarters, which had been previously inspected by trained inspectors, and had the pleasure of knowing that their services were appreciated on all sides without a murmur of complaint to break the notes of universal appreciation. One striking feature of the work of this committee was the preparation of maps showing every street and block in this District, one of which was mailed to each individual for whom quarters had been selected.

## THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC COMFORT FOR COLORED ORGANIZATIONS,

#### JOHN A. GRAY, Chairman,

with seventeen of our most prominent colored citizens, constituted an important factor in the labors of the main committee, and did noble work in furnishing accommodations for the people of their own race. We cannot too highly commend the ability, accuracy and efficiency of this committee.

# THE COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

W. H. SLACK, Chairman, Dr. ERNEST F. KING, Vice-Chairman, JOHN PORTER LAWRENCE, Secretary,

with some sixty other gentlemen, comprising the highest quality in this department, had charge of all matters relating to the location and construction of the grand music stands and to the procurement of bands, orchestras, and instruments to be employed during the Inaugural period, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. In the performance of their delicate and responsible duties, they evinced the highest character of men acquainted with their work, and performed their task with great credit to themselves and with evident token of the public gratification.

# THE COMMITTEE ON CARRIAGES.

OLIVER T. BEAUMONT, Chairman, ALLISON NAILOR, Vice-Chairman, JAMES M. LEITCH, Secretary,

with thirty other gentlemen, were charged with the duty of corresponding with the owners of public conveyances of all kinds for the accommodation of passengers at reasonable rates. This work they did most faithfully, securing safe and speedy conveyance to the people and protecting them from rudeness and extortion, which, happily for the fame of our city, are not prevalent here among this useful class of our fellow citizens. This committee devised the plans and had constructed the entrances leading from the streets to the Pension Building. They caused to be constructed at each entrance platforms so spacious that from fifteen to twenty carriages could be delivered of their passengers at the same moment.

### THE COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

#### FRANCIS A. RICHARDSON, Chairman,

with twenty other gentlemen, veterans of journalism, were charged with all arrangement for the accommodation of the representatives of the press and furnishing all facilities for the comprehensive service which they rendered in their worldwide accounts of the national oceasion. It is due to this committee to say that their labor was invaluable in the departments assigned them, and that no complaints of neglect or mismanagement were heard from the large corps of reporters and correspondents from all parts of the country. The Executive Committee had built for the exclusive use of this committee a handsome stand on Penn-ylvania avenue in front of the Executive Mansion, a few feet east of the grand reviewing stand, capable of comfortably seating 250 representatives and correspondents representing the press of this country.

# THE COMMITTEE ON COMFORT AT BALL-ROOM,

JAMES E. BELL, Chairman, ARTHUR B. CLANTON, Vice-Chairman,

with fifteen other gentlemen, were charged with planning and constructing boxes for hats, cloaks, &e., and with supervision of the same on the night of the Inaugural Ball and Reception and the Concerts on the following Monday and Tuesday.

The committee provided 10,836 hat boxes, of which number 3,432 were located for the convenience of the ladies and 7,404 for the gentlemen. These were in charge of eighty assistants, principally letter carriers, and to the credit of the system and their efficiency not a single article entrusted to their care failed to be returned to the owner.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER,

NOBLE D. LARNER, Chairman, Robert Ball, Vice-Chairman, Samuel M. Yeatman, Secretary,

with fifty-four other gentlemen, were charged with the duty of co-operating with the District Commissioners and aiding to procure and enforce all necessary regulations for the proper display of the Inaugural Ceremonics. It was of vital importance to preserve order in the public streets and in and around the ball-room and required the steady nerve and ceaseless vigilance of earnest men to supervise the conduct of the moving population and see that all the complicated movements of the day were made with the regularity and smoothness of the most perfect machinery. The result of this effective supervision was visible everywhere and the occasion transpired with fewer casualties than might have been anticipated, and with no evidence of disorder.

# THE BALL TICKET DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE,

#### GEORGE C. HENNING, Chairman,

and thirty-three other gentlemen were chosen for their aptitude and trustworthiness in handling such packages as really represented the reimbursement of the enormous expenditures incident to the Inaugural Ceremonies. The accuracy with which the persons employed handled and accounted for each ticket of the thousands that were issued for the Inaugural Ball and Reception and the subsequent Concerts is something exceptional. This committee deserve the utmost credit for the manner in which they discharged their duties. They sold 7,435 tickets for the Inaugural Ball and Reception, amounting to the magnificent sum of \$37,175.

# COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RESERVATIONS, AND PRIVILEGES.

- J. HARRISON JOHNSON, Chairman,
- I. N. JACKSON, Vice-Chairman,
- O. L. JOHNSON, Secretary,

with 100 other gentlemen of practical knowledge and excentive ability, constituted this important committee. To them was committed the control and sale of all privileges on the line of the Inaugural procession and at the Inaugural Ball and Reception. This committee advertised for and received scaled bids for rights to erect reviewing stands on the public reservations, rights for publishing an official program, designs and bids for erecting the Grand Reviewing Stand, and the review stand erected exclusively for the press. The receipts of this committee from the sale of all the privileges, amounted to the handsome sum of \$5,091, which is far in excess of the income derived from the sale of the same privileges on any former Inaugural occasion.

The work of this committee was performed so successfully, that the grand throughfare from the Capitol to the Excentive Mansion was lined with reviewing stands of the most comfortable and substantial character. One of the special prides of the Inaugural Committee was the Grand Presidential Reviewing Stand erected in front of the Excentive Mansion, with a seating capacity for 1,260 persons. This stand was the most perfect and costly ever built on that historic spot, snrprassing everything of the kind erected in this country for capacity, firmness, comfort, architecture, and gorgeous decoration.

To this committee we, in common with the vast throng of visitors on that occasion from all parts of the country, owe a special debt of gratitude for the splendid triumph for their enterprise.

# COMMITTEE ON SAFETY.

JOSEPH PARRIS, Chairman, JILSON D. ENTWISTLE, Secretary,

with twenty other gentlemen. To this committee was assigned the duty, from their long experience and familiarity with the means of protection, of all arrangements for the safety of the Pension Building and the comfort of the guests at the Inaugural Ball and Reception. The Executive Committee assigned them a room in the Pension Building which they occupied night and day, from March 1st to March 7th inclusive. They patrolled the building at all hours with a serutiny which nothing escapes. It was largely due to this vigilance, that not even an alarm transpired and all went on securely to the end.

#### COMMITTEE ON STREET DECORATIONS.

WILLIAM A. HUTCHINS, Chairman, LOUIS D. WINE, Vice-Chairman, J. THOMAS WEST, JR., Secretary,

with 120 other gentlemen, constituted this committee. They were charged with the duty of securing the decoration of the streets, avenues, and public and private buildings of the city, particularly on the great thoroughfare along which the Inaugural procession passed. They were nobly supported by the public spirited eitizens who gratuitously aided them in dressing the capital in one grand gala day attire. Under an act of Congress this committee obtained from the War and Navy Departments a vast number of various kinds of flags with which they succeeded in having many hundreds of houses decorated. These flags were gathered in by this committee after the Inaugural period and returned to the Departments from which they were obtained. It is impracticable to describe in this report the many magnificent decorations, due to the untiring efforts of this excellent committee, which greeted the eye in every direction and gave token to the beholder that the whole population were rejoieing over some notable national event.

## COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

John H. Oberly, Chairman, Dorsey Clagett, Vice-Chairman, Gen. Duncan S. Walker, Scoretary,

with thirty other gentlemen experienced in all matters of publication and the great master art of our times. They were charged with the duty of furnishing all the necessary printing which every day exacted. They called for bids on all matter prepared by and for the Excentive Committee, and arranged for all the work on a scale of the most prompt, finished and economical execution. Faithfully and wisely they performed this enormous task, and they are specially entitled to credit for their good work.

#### THE GENERAL MANAGER.

#### LAWRENCE GARDNER, General Manager,

with his four assistants, was called upon to supervise in all matters concerning the safety, comfort, and convenience of the patrons of the Inangural Ball and Reception, and the Concerts that followed on Monday and Tuesday, to see that all committees were properly performing their duties, and make reports to the Executive Committee. It was an exacting position, which no man could have better filled. The responsibility was great and most nobly discharged. It was his constant attendance and untiring assiduity that contributed so much to the great success.

#### COMMITTEE ON FLOOR AND PROMENADE.

E. B. HAY, Chairman, GEORGE A. DARLING, Secretary,

with about 612 other gentlemen of high social standing and adept in the manners and customs of the people, constituted this grand committee. The duties assigned them centered in the great court of the Inaugural Ball and Reception and were of the most delicate and conventional character. In the presence of a vast throng of ladies and gentlemen they performed their functions with great eclat and gave new zest to the enjoyment of every guest. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this committee for their great complacence, civility, and address.

#### THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

consisted of the solid and well-known citizens, Jesse B. Wilson, chairman, and John O. Johnson and Fred. W. Pratt, who scrutinized all the bills, vouchers, checks, and accounts and counted all the admission tickets and whose approval of the accuracy of all is the best guarantee that can be given to the public for the business and financial fidelity of your Executive Committee in all the affairs of the Inaugural ceremonies.

#### THE TREASURER,

#### CHARLES C. GLOVER,

of the banking house of Messrs. Riggs & Co., accepted the laborious duties assigned him and daily furnished the Executive Committee an account of the state of the inaugural guarantee fund, stating the name of each subscriber and the amount subscribed, and he honored each demand made upon him as it arose. His experience on similar occasions especially qualified him to render the Inaugural Committee valuable assistance.

Checks were drawn and mailed March 16, 1893, payable to the order of each subscriber for the full amount of his contribution.

# MR. J. FRED. KELLEY, SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We should be unjust in this report if we failed to mention the indefatigable services of this\_gentleman in the ardnous duties imposed upon him. All his work is a model of neatness, accuracy, and dispatch. His superior ability in phrasing correspondence and preparing records, bills, circulars, vonchers, and forms and keeping the accounts was daily shown and he has left a lasting monument to his name in the archives of this committee.

#### MR. WASH, B. WILLIAMS.

While this committee are deeply grateful to all their friends who came so promptly and nobly to their aid and would draw no invidious distinctions, yet the generosity of our fellowcitizen, Mr. Williams, deserves a special mention. He had no sooner heard of the location of the headquarters of the committee than he immediately set about gratuitonsly furnishing the spacious rooms with many articles of convenience for the use of the various committees. No one could have been more generous at his own expense for the comfort of others.

#### Messrs, COPELAND & CO, AND OTHER FRIENDS.

The Executive Committee desire to mention likewise in this connection the tasteful generosity of Messrs. Copeland & Co. who gave their time, service, and materials gratuitously to decorate the various rooms of the Inangural Headquarters with handsome flags, shields, banners, pennants, &c. The Chesapeake and Potomae Telephone Company provided a telephone for the use of the committee free of cost. Mr. T. E. Roessle, proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, provided a large number of handsome chairs. Mr. John C. Parker provided a screw letter-press. The Independent Ice Company gratnitously furnished a large number of ice coolers and kept the same supplied with ice and water at the Pension Building, with a corps of assistants to serve it through the entire Inaugural period.

# THE HOSPITALS.

The Executive Committee would here make mention of the fact, to their lasting credit, that they at an early date received from the Emergency and the Homeopathic Hospitals gratuitous and generous offers of accommodation for the sick or injured, in case of such necessity arising, during the Inauguration period. It was a most humane and thoughtful action on their part and in some cases was gladly accepted.

#### THE ELEMENTS.

The days before and after the 4th of March, in respect to the weather, were all that could be desired, but the morning of Inauguration Day opened with the cold breath of winter and a heavy snow-storm—continuing till midday—exposing the great multitude of sight-seers to the chilly air and the damp, cold pavements and raising once again the question so often proposed for a change of the time of Inauguration. But though the frost-work was everywhere it could not check the ardor of the people who early sallied forth to witness the parade to the Capitol and the return of the grand procession therefrom.

#### THE GRAND PARADE.

# Gen. MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Grand Marshal, Gen. W. D. WHIPPLE, Chief of Staff, Col. H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General.

By 1 o'clock p. m. the line of march from the Capitol to the Executive Mansion presented a marvellous scene of expectant animation. The snow had ceased falling, the clouds parted, and there was promise of the sunshine. The public stands and private buildings, gay with bunting and exposing their many colored and artistic decorations all along the route, were thronged with a vast concourse of people. At a given signal the Grand Marshal, advised that the ceremonies at the Capitol were concluded, began his return march through the broad avenue. The parade advanced amid the cheers of the multitude, the waving of flags and handkerchiefs, and passed the Grand Reviewing Stand, whither the President and high officials and their friends had been assembled and where the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and not till night-fall did the march of the immense procession cease from before them, yet all progressed in order and without a serious casualty, owing to the thorough discipline which the authorities established. No such review has ever been witnessed at the capitol on the inanguration of a President.

#### THE INAUGURAL BALL AND RECEPTION.

The hours of the week were shutting down. It was Saturday night and the festivities at the ball-room were to close before midnight. Multitudes, weary with the excitement of the long day, turned home to their lodgings for refreshment and rest. These circumstances, no doubt, lessened the number who attended the ball, and still the grand court of the Pension Building was early crowded with people, where, in one of the most resplendent scenes of social festivity, the objects of the committee were carried out to perfection. Of course the event of the evening was the arrival of President and Mrs. Cleveland, escorted thither by Col. James G. Berret, Chairman of the General Inaugural Committee, and Mr. James L. Norris, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson, escorted by Mr. J. Harrison Johnson and Mr. William Cranch McIntire, of the Executive Committee, and reception and subsequent promenade of the court. The Reception was likewise distinguished by the presence of many public officers and men of distinction from all parts of the country as well as the representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and of our own Army and Navy. And so the week went out with rejoicing, feasting, daneing, and musie, and one of the great gala-days in the nation's history was ended.

The circumstances now related may serve to explain the fact that while the proceeds from the ball were somewhat less than they were four years ago, they were still greater than they were eight years ago, and the entire proceeds of the inaugural ceremonies would have been by several thousands of dollars more if the plan of the sacred concerts had been earried out.

# BAND OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS.

Prof. F. FANCIULLI, Conductor, ALBERT XANTEN, Business Manager.

It is with sincere pleasure that your committee recognize the invaluable services of the Marine Band. Without their presence and assistance so nobly rendered, a vast void would have been left unfilled. The selections played, the inspiring music in all their exercises, from first to last, resounded through the wide court and corridors with a sublime impression. No meed of praise can be too great for all they did to make the occasions, at the Inaugural Ball and Reception and at the series of concerts on the following Monday and Tuesday, positively entrancing. Their services were so cheerfully and heartily rendered that they will be long remembered, and a people's best wishes will follow them through all their future history.

#### THE PROPOSED SACRED CONCERTS.

In justice to the Inaugural Committee it now becomes neeessary to submit a plain statement of facts concerning the arrangements made for the sacred concerts, and the successful methods employed to prevent them, with the results which followed.

A written agreement, under date of January 3, 1893, for the occupancy of the grand court and adjacent rooms of the Pension Building from March 4th to March 7th, inclusive, was submitted to the Hon. Green B. Raum, Commissioner of Pensions, by the Executive Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. This agreement contained all the stipulations and conditions satisfactory to the Government, and was fully endorsed and approved by the Commissioner of Pensions and the Secretary of the Interior under the same date. A subsequent correspondence related only to the parts of the building to be occupied and their preparation for the same.

The clause of this agreement pertinent to this account is as follows :

"1st. The Inaugural Committee to have absolute use, from March 4th to March 7th, both inclusive, of the entire main floor and of all galleries—all desks, cases, and other obstructions to be removed."

There was no exception or qualification as to the absolute use on the intervening Sunday in the entire agreement, and it is due to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions here to state that he did every thing in his power to aid the Executive Committee in carrying out the purposes of this written agreement.

The Executive Committee also obtained from the Commissioners of the District, the following entertainment permit under date of March 1st.

#### ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT.

"No. 316.

#### "Office of the Assessor "of the District of Columbia. "Washington, D. C., March 1, 1893.

"Permission is hereby given the church, society, or organization represented by the Inaugural Committee, by James L. Norris, Chairman, to give a series of entertainments at the Pension Building, corner 5th and G streets, northwest, from the 4th day of March until the 8th day of March, 1893, without charge: *Provided*, that the sole proceeds are devoted to charitable or religious purposes, and that no proceedings shall be had prohibited by act of Congress, approved January 31, 1893, 'to prevent gaming, &e., in the District of Columbia:' *And provided further*, that the police officers on duty may have admittance without charge.

"By order of the Commissioners, District of Columbia. "MATTHEW TRIMBLE, "Assessor, D. C."

In pursuance of these provisions and notifications, and anticipating the immense number of strangers who would be in the city on the Sunday of the Inauguration period, the Executive Committee and the sub-committees having special charge of all proceedings at the Pension Building, long and anxiously consulted early in the history of the preparations as to the best method of meeting the requirements of that particular Sunday, both as to the occupation of the very many people and as to the pecuniary results and their final appropriation. As early as January 29, 1893, notices of the proposed saered concerts on Sunday, March 5th, were published in the local papers of which the following from the *Washington Post* are specimens.

"Ralph L. Galt, Chairman of the Committee on Promenade Concert, reported, recommending two concerts on Sunday, and three on Monday, and that the ball-room be open on Tuesday, when there would be no music, and the orphans be admitted free of charge."

"He also explained that while his committee had reported in favor of giving two concerts on Sunday, he was of the opinion that it would be better to give three concerts on that day, and it was decided unanimously to give a morning, afternoon, and evening concert on Sunday, and but two on Monday, March 6th, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, with dancing to follow the latter. The question of giving a concert on Tnesday, March 7th, was left open."

These notices are sufficient to answer the complaint so freely circulated that the Christian public were not informed of the intention of the committee as to Sunday concerts till the last week of the preparation.

To this public announcement of our intention no word of protest or complaint was heard and no appeal was ever made to the Inaugural Committee from any quarter. The plan finally adopted was to give in the Pension Building on the Inaugural Sunday three sacred concerts, to charge a moderate admission fee and to devote the excess of receipts over expenditures entirely to the worthy objects of charity. With this in view the most eminent bands in the country were engaged and a very large expense incurred for the necessary printing, and a very great number of men employed whose time had to be paid.

The music selected was carefully revised that it might befit the dignity of the place and the day, and it was carnestly hoped that in this manner thousands would innocently spend the day and at the same time be contributing to that charity which constitutes one of the noblest and most Christian functions of humanity.

When at last this plan was fully arranged and publicly announced, only a few days before it was to transpire, a movement was suddenly started by some persons unknown to the committee to thwart its execution. This movement soon spread rapidly through the eity drawing into its current Christian and temperance organizations and finally almost the entire body of the Protestant elergy of the District, who instead of approaching the Inaugural Committee, or any member of it, besought the immediate intervention of the Secretary of the Interior, of President Harrison, and of the Senate of the United States. A resolution was there passed calling upon Secretary Noble to show by what authority he permitted a Government building to be used for such a purpose on Sunday. To this the Secretary replied that he had given an order to elose the building against all comers on that day, although by his written agreement with this committee he had given us "absolute control" of it, thus directly violating his contract, by assuming that the ball-room was to be used for improper purposes.

But this is not all, nor the worst. In addition to the measures above recited, the Rev. Dr. Pitzer, of this city, on February 27th, sent to President-elect Cleveland, at Lakewood, N. J., the following despatch, which is taken from the *Wash-ington Post* of February 28, 1893.

# "GROVER CLEVELAND,

"Lakewood, N. J.:

"Expressed Christian sentiment in city opposed to proposed use of Pension Building next Sunday for concert. Can you aid in closing?

> "A. W. PITZER, "President of Erangelical Alliance."

It will be observed that Dr. Pitzer's dispatch says nothing of "sacred concerts," while he signs himself "President of Evangelical Alliance," as though a great meeting of the "Alliance" had just been held and he was directed to communicate their action to Mr. Cleveland, when in fact no such meeting was held. But these efforts produced the desired result as will be seen from the following statements taken from the *Post*, March 2.

"The Secretary of the Interior received the following telegram yesterday from the President-elect:

"'LAKEWOOD, N. J., Murch 1, 1893. "'To the Secretary of the Interior:

"'I am strongly opposed to the use of the Pension Building for a Sunday concert of the 5th instant and object to regarding such a thing as a feature of the inauguration.

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

"Sceretary Noble immediately sent the following reply to Mr. Cleveland:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1893. "Hon. GROVER CLEVELAND,

"Lakewood, N. J.:

"'Your telegram received. Orders were issued already forbidding the use of the Pension Building on Sunday and I am gratified that this action is in accordance with your wishes. "'JOHN W. NOBLE,

... Sceretary. "

Before the telegram from Mr. Cleveland had been received Secretary Noble had forwarded the following communication to the chairman of the General Inaugural Committee:

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1893.

"Col. JAMES G. BERRET,

• Chairman of Inaugural Committee; present.

"Stre: My attention has been called to the fact that it is the purpose of the Inaugural Committee to open the Pension Building on Sunday, the 5th inst., for one or more musical entertainments at which a charge for admission will be made.

I have to inform you that, in granting the use of this building for the Inaugural Ball, it was not contemplated that the building would be open to the public on Sunday, and as there will be opportunity on the subsequent day, during which the building is at the disposal of the committee, to give concerts referred to, the use of the Pension Building on Sunday for that purpose will not be permitted.

"Very respectfully,

## "JOHN W. NOBLE."

The correspondence upon the subject concludes with the following additional note to Mr. Berret:

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1893.

"Col. JAMES G. BERRET,

"Chairman of Inaugural Committee; present.

"SIR: Since my letter to you of this date relative to the use of the Pension Building for a musical entertainment on Sunday next I have received a telegram from Mr. Cleveland, of which I enclose a copy, expressing his strong opposition to the use of the building for a Sunday concert and objecting to such a concert as a feature of the inauguration. I also enclose for your information a copy of my reply thereto.

"Very respectfully,

"JOHN W. NOBLE, "Secretary."

The following reply of Col. Berret to the communication of the Secretary of the Interior was written before Mr. Cleveland's dispatch to the Secretary was received.

"Upon the receipt of your communication of March 1, forbidding the use of the Pension Building on Sunday for the concerts of sacred music, as had been announced by the Inaugural Committee, the arrangements were suspended and all orders relating to the concerts countermanded. As chairman of the committee, and in behalf of the Executive Committee, I think it pertinent and proper that a statement of the facts should be made. First of all, it is to be said that care had been taken that no music should be rendered that had not been classified as 'sacred music' by competent authority and well-established usage. In no other sense than this could the concerts be characterized as 'musical entertainments.' The committee assumed that of the many thousand visitors in the eity, not more than a moity of them could attend service in the churches, and that the concerts might be the oceasion of devotion to some, and a source of pleasure to others. I may say further that the committee could have no pecuniary interest in the matter.

"Our receipts are such that a surplus will remain for the benefit of the poor of the District of Columbia, and they are the only persons, probably, who would be benefited by the charges of admission which we proposed to make. I have deemed this explanation due to the gentlemen associated with me in conducting the Inaugural Ceremonies on the 4th of March, and remain, with great respect, &c.,

"JAMES G. BERRET, "Chairman."

But the tide of opposition was at this time so strong, that the Executive Committee, at their meeting on the evening of March 1, again fully discussed the subject and took the following action:

WHEREAS, there seems to be somewhat of a sentiment against that part of the programme unanimously recommended by the Promenade Concert Committee, which included sacred concerts at the Pension Building on Sunday, March 5th, and

WHEREAS, this committee in its representative capacity, desires to eliminate any feature which might be misconstrued, or which would be objectionable to any and all religious sentiment; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Pension Building shall be closed on Sunday, March 5, and that in lieu of such concerts there shall be three concerts given on Tuesday, following those on Monday, as follows: One at 10 o'clock a. m. at fifty cents admission, the orphans and their worthy attendants to be admitted free; a second at 2 p. m., admission fifty cents; and a third at 8 o'clock p. m., dancing to begin at 9.30, and the admission at this last concert to be one dollar.

While the resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote the members of the committee were a unit in protesting against the causes which occasioned such action.

It will be seen from the above relation that the Inaugural Committee were entirely ignored from first to last; that not a man of all who joined the opposition came near them, and not a syllable of protest did they hear from any quarter till they received the communication from the Secretary of the Interior forbidding the use of the building for the sacred concerts; that the dispatch from Dr. Pitzer to the President-elect was grossly misleading; that the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies were at the last moment constrained by the turn of events to close the Pension Building on Sunday after having received, by written agreement of the Government, "absolute control" of it, and that they were subjected to heavy pecuniary loss on account of it, thereby cutting down the surplus proceeds arising from the inaugural ceremonies by many thousands of dollars and depriving the charities of the District of the sum that would otherwise have been available to them.

That this committee have a just ground of complaint at the manner of their treatment under the circumstances is what is deeply felt by every member of it. And their regret is sincere that chiefly through the attitude of the elergy the funds now available for purposes of charity are so greatly diminished.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDI-TURES INAUGURAL COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 4, 1893.

## RECEIPTS.

Guarantee fund	\$35,625	00
Sale of privileges	5,091	00
Sale of Ball tickets	37,175	00
Receipts from Supper		21
Sale of Promenade Concert tickets	11,233	()()
Sale of Souvenirs	162	25
Receipts from sale of old material, &c.	78	85

#### EXPENDITURES.

General Committee	\$1,448	24
Executive Committee	3,715	02
Auditing Committee	7	00
Committee on Ball Tickets and Invi-		
tations	3,863	73
Committee on Ball Ticket Distributing.	878	59
Committee on Ball-Room Decorations.	8,000	00
Committee on Ball-Room Illumination.	4,302	11
Committee on Banquet at Ball	4,850	00
Committee on Badges	$1,\!681$	75
Committee on Carriages	1.690	76
Committee on Civic Organizations	891	82
Committee on Comfort at Ball-Room.	1,843	75
Committee on Finance	11	31
Committee on Military Organization		
and Grand Marshal	628	36
Committee on Music	5,974	13
Committee on Parks, Reservations,		
and Privileges	3,604	89
Committee on Promenade Concerts	713	85
Committee on Printing	1,071	()()

Committee on Public Order	-340	25
Committee on Public Comfort	1,140	$\overline{79}$
Committee on Street Decorations	175	84
Committee on Street Illumination and		
Fire-Works	4,653	00
Floor and Promenade Committee	11	50
Expenses at Pension Building	1,016	62
Guarantee Fund (returned to sub-		
scribers)	35.625	00

## DONATED.

Contagious Diseases Hospital (donation	
from surplus)	$500 \ 00$
Emergency Hospital (donation from	
surplus)	$500 \ 00$
The Children's Hospital (donation	
from surplus)	$500 \ 00$
Washington Home for Incurables	
(donation from surplus)	500,00
National Homeopathic Hospital (do-	270.00
nation from surplus)	$250 \ 00$
Aged Women's Home (donation from	100.00
surplus)	100 00
Church Orphanage Association of St.	
John's Parish (donation from surplus)	100-00
Children's Country Home (donation	100 00
from suplus)	100-00
German Orphan Asylum (donation	100 00
from surplus)	100 00
Home for the Aged—Little Sisters of	
the Poor (donation from surplus).	100-00
National Association for Destitute	
Colored Women and Children	
(donation from surplus)	$100 \ 00$
St. Ann's Infant Orphan Asylum (do-	
nation from surplus)	$100 \ 00$

St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum (donation	
from surplus)	100 00
St. Vincent Female Orphan Asylum	
(donation from surplus)	100-00
Washington Asylum for Foundlings	
(donation from surplus)	100-00
Washington City Orphan Asylum (do-	
nation from surplus)	100-00
Young Woman's Christian Home (do-	
nation from surplus)	100 00

Respectfully submitted.

#### J. FRED. KELLEY, Secretary Executive Committee,

In concluding this report of one of the most notable events in the history of Washington, the Executive Committee extends its warmest thanks to the chairmen, officers, and members of the several committees for their generous and efficient aid and to each and all our friends here and everywhere throughout the country and especially to those gentlemen who guaranteed the Inaugural fund and those who accepted the duties of arranging and directing the Inaugural parade, and to all others who, in any way, rendered service or support to make the occasion worthy of the fame of Washington City and of the Great Republic of which we are prond to form a part.

# DIVISION OF THE SURPLUS EARNINGS OF THE INAUGURAL COMMITTEE,

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in the Arlington Hotel at 7 p. m., April 17, 1893, the chairman, James L. Norris, was directed to suggest to the General Inaugural Committee a distribution of the surplus fund as follows: The Emergency Hospital, \$500; the Contagious Hospital, \$500; the Washington Home for Incurables, \$500; Children's Hospital, \$500; National Homeopathic Hospital, \$250; the Church Orphanage Association, St. John's Parish, \$100; German Orphan Asylum, \$100; Home for the Aged—Little Sisters of the Poor, \$100; National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children, \$100; St. Ann's Infant Orphan Asylum, \$100; Washington Hospital for Foundlings, \$100; St. Joseph's Hall Orphan Asylum, \$100; Young Woman's Christian Home, \$100; St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum, \$100; Washington City Orphan Asylum, \$100; Aged Women's Home, \$100; Children's Country Home, \$100.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. NORRIS,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

# MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

## April 17, 1893.

This committee met at the Arlington Hotel at 8 o'clock on the evening of April 17, 1893, with Col. James G. Berret in the chair. The secretary, Mr. Alexander Porter Morse, read the minutes of the previous meetings and submitted a written report, all of which were approved.

Mr. Charles C. Glover, treasurer of the Inaugural Committee, made a final report, which was accepted.

Mr. James L. Norris, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a final report on behalf of said committee, giving a full and detailed account of the work accomplished in the inaugural preparations and showing how successfully they had been carried out. This report was unanimously approved and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Norris also presented the resolution of the Executive Committee as to the disposition of the surplus fund accruing from the public patronage of the Inaugural Ball and Reception and subsequent Concerts, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was ordered that from the remainder of the fund any unsettled bill should be paid, and the residue, if any, turned over to the Home for the Aged—Little Sisters of the Poor.

A resolution of thanks to Col. James G. Berret, Chairman of the General Inaugural Committee, and Alexander Porter Morse, secretary of the General Inaugural Committee; to James L. Norris, Chairman of the Excentive Committee, and its members; to J. Fred. Kelley, secretary, and William Cranch McIntire, corresponding secretary of the Executive Committee, and to the Chairmen of the various Sub-committees and their associates, to Mr. Chailes C. Glover, treasurer of the Inaugural Committee, and to Mr. J. J. Darlington for their great efficiency in the respective departments of their work was warmly and unanimously adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the Proprietors of the Ebbitt House for the use of the "Red Parlor" gratutiously tendered them, and to Mr. Theodore E. Roessle, Proprietor of the Arhington Hotel, was also manimously adopted, for his generous hospitality in furnishing the grand banquet hall of the hotel for the use of the General and Executive Committees in the proceedings of their final meetings.

On motion of Dr. J. M. Toner it was ordered that all manuscript papers and documents relating to the Inaugural Ceremonics of March 4, 1893, be turned over to him to be properly bound and preserved by him and to be deposited in "The Toner Collection" in the Library of Congress for the inspection of all in the future.

Adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted.

#### ALEXANDER PORTER MORSE,

Secretary of the General Committee.

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